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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

(G. O. Ms. No. 12/2017, Puducherry, dated 4th September 2017)

ORDER

Section 48(1)(a) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (53 of 2005), stipulates the constitution of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) at the State Level. The 13th Finance Commission has made recommendation for the constitution of funds for the State Disaster Response Fund which has been accepted by the Government of India. In pursuance to the provision of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and the recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission, the Government of India has framed guidelines for Constitution and Administration of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) *vide* office memorandum No. 32-3/2010-NDM-1, dated 28-09-2010 of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division), Government of India, New Delhi and a draft guidelines on Administration of Disaster Response in Union Territories *vide* Letter No. 15039/50/2014-Plg. Cell, dated 09-05-2014 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.

2. The Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi has conveyed the sanction of the President of India for Payment of ₹ 10.00 crores (Rupees ten crores only) to Union territory of Puducherry under Puducherry Disaster Response Fund (PDRF) *vide* Letter No. 15039/04/2012-Plg.Cell, dated 21-03-2017 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.

3. The Union Territory Disaster Response Fund (UTDRF) will be constituted under nomenclature as "Puducherry Disaster Response Fund". It will be non-interest bearing and non-lapsable fund. The Government of India will contribute 80% of the allocation under Puducherry Disaster Response Fund (PDRF) in the form of Non-Plan grant and the balance 20% will be contributed by the Union territory of Puducherry. Considering ₹ 10.00 crores as 80% of the Central share and ₹ 2.50 crores as 20% of the Union Territory's share towards Disaster Response Fund for Puducherry, Puducherry Disaster Response Fund (PDRF) will be created for a total corpus of ₹ 12.50 crores.

4. Puducherry Disaster Response Fund (PDRF) shall be used only for meeting the expenditure for providing immediate relief to the victims of cyclone, drought, earthquake, fire, flood, tsunami, hailstorm, landslide, avalanche, cloud burst and pest attack, and cold wave/frost. The provision for disaster preparedness, restoration, reconstruction and mitigation measures in respect of important damaged infrastructure shall not be a part of Union Territory Disaster Response Fund. Such expenditure is needed to be borne from and out of regular plan fund by the Union territory of Puducherry.

5. The release of Disaster Response Fund by the Government of India shall be paid as Grant-in-aid and accounted for in the Government of India accounts under the Major Head "3602-Grant-in-aid to Union Territory Government". The Union territory of Puducherry will take the Grant-in-aid as receipts in the budget and account under Major Head "1601-Grants-in-aid from Ministry of Home Affairs Non-plan Grant No. 109 Grants towards contribution to Union Territory Disaster Response Fund".

6. In order to enable transfer of the Central Government Contribution Fund under Union Territory Disaster Response Fund, the Union territory of Puducherry will make suitable Budget provision on the expenditure side of their budget under the Head of Account "2245-Relief on Account of Natural Calamities-05-Disaster Response Fund-101-Transfers to Reserve Fund and Deposit Accounts-Union Territory Disaster Response Fund".

7. Approval for depositing the Union Territory Disaster Response Fund in any Nationalized Bank has been obtained from the Finance Department (Ways and Means) *vide* I.D. Note No. 128/FD (W&M)/2014, dated 07-07-2014 of the Finance Department (Ways and Means), Puducherry. The Union Territory Disaster Response Fund shall be transferred to the Savings Bank Account in a Nationalized Bank opened in favour of the Secretary to Government (Revenue) and Special Secretary (Revenue), on receipt of fund from the Government of India.

8. The Saving Accounts shall be opened jointly in the names of the Secretary to Government (Revenue) and the Special Secretary (Revenue) and drawal of Puducherry Disaster Response Fund shall be made by way of cheque signed by any one of the two authorized Officers. Drawal of fund up to ₹ 50.00 lakhs shall be made by the Special Secretary (Revenue) and drawal in excess of ₹ 50.00 lakhs shall be made by the Secretary to Government (Revenue). Change of Branch of Saving Bank Accounts, cancellation of Bank Account shall be made only with the clearance of Finance Department (Ways and Means).

9. The actual expenditure on immediate relief works will be booked only under respective minor heads within Major Head: 2245 (01 for drought; 02 for flood, 03 for cyclones, 04 for fire, 05 for cloud burst, 06 for earthquake, 07 landslides, 08 for hailstorm, 09 for pest attack, 10 for tsunami, 11 for avalanches and 12 for cold wave/frost, *etc.*, "Union Territory Disaster Response Fund" and 80 for General). The expenditure to be charged to the Union Territory Disaster Response Fund will be shown as a negative entry under 2245-05-901-deduct amount met from Union Territory Disaster Response Fund for relief expenditure. Direct expenditure should not be made from the Public Account. Even if, for some administrative reasons, expenditure on immediate relief has been met under heads of account other than MH:2245, these should be finally booked under MH:2245 through inter-account transfers.

10. The Puducherry Disaster Response Fund (PDRF) will be administered by the State Executive Committee (SEC) under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to Government, which has already been constituted by Union territory of Puducherry *vide* Notification No. 29506/DR & DM/RO/D2/2006, dated 1st August, 2007.

11. The accounting procedure of Puducherry Disaster Response Fund will be maintained by the State Executive Committee in accordance with the norms approved by the Government of India from time to time. The State Executive Committee will decide on all matters connected with the financing of relief expenditure of immediate nature from Union Territory Disaster Response Fund, arrange to obtain contribution from Central Government, administer the fund and invest the accretions to the fund as per the norms for investment indicated in the guidelines for State Disaster Response Fund issued by Government of India *vide* Office Memorandum No.32-3/2010-NDM-1, dated 28-09-2010 of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division), Government of India, New Delhi and ensure that the money drawn from the Puducherry Disaster Response Fund is actually utilized for the purpose for which the fund has been constituted.

12. Quarterly list of receipts and drawals from the Saving Account shall be submitted to the Chief Secretary to Government, the Chairperson of the State Executive Committee by the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management.

13. The accounts of the Puducherry Disaster Response Fund (approved calamity-wise) and the investment shall be maintained by the Accountant-General in-charge of accounts of the Union territory of Puducherry in the normal course. Disclosure about the position of the opening balance, receipts, expenditure and closing balance in respect of Union Territory Disaster Response Fund will be made in the Finance Accounts, as per the enclosed Appendix. The State Executive Committee will, however, maintain subsidiary accounts (calamity-wise) in such manner and the details as may be considered necessary by the Union territory of Puducherry in consultation with the Accountant-General.

14. The Comptroller and Auditor-General of India will conduct audit of Puducherry Disaster Response Fund every year in conformity with approved items and norms in terms of the purposes of the UTDRF guidelines. The Union territory of Puducherry shall furnish a copy of the audit report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India in respect of Union Territory Disaster Response Fund to the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Home Affairs.

15. The unspent balance in Puducherry Disaster Response Fund will be handled based on the modalities issued by the Government of India then and there.

16. The Union territory of Puducherry will request Disaster Management Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, for requirement of additional assistance from Central Government, when the Union territory of Puducherry is having inadequate funds under Puducherry Disaster Response Fund (PDRF).

17. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* I.D. No. 1436/FC/F4/A3/2017-18, dated 23-06-2017.

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Special Secretary (Revenue)-cum-
District Collector (i/c).

APPENDIX

(A) Statement of amount released earlier to the Union Territory Disaster Response Fund (UTDRF).

1. Opening balance as on 01-04-20.....
2. Central's share including advance release credited to UTDRF:
3. Corresponding share of Union Territory:
4. Corresponding share of Union territory of Puducherry credited to UTDRF:
5. Amount received under UTDRF:
6. Expenditure as on 30th September:
7. Expenditure as on 31st March 20.....
8. Amount transferred to investment account:
9. Amount received from investment account:
10. Closing balance (1+2+4+5+9) - (6+7): 31st March/30th September.

(B) Opening balance: 1st April/1st October 20.....

1. Total investment made out of UTDRF as on 31st March 20.....
2. Receipt during the current financial year 20.....
 - (i) Central's share :
 - (ii) Union Territory's share :
 - (iii) Assistance under UTDRF :
 - (iv) Interest earned (including investment made out of UTDRF) :
 - (v) Others :
 - (vi) Arrears of Central's/Union Territory's share if any, to be credited to UTDRF. :
 - (vii) Total (i) to (vi) :
 - (viii) Out of (vii) amount credited to UTDRF. :
3. Total amount available in the SDRF :
{(1+2 (viii))}.

4. Total expenditure incurred inconformity with items and norms of UTDRE during the year out of the Fund:

(i) As on 31st March, 201..... :

(ii) As on 30th September, 201..... :

5. Balance available in the Fund (3-4) :

31st March/30th September

(C) Submission of 'Annual Report on Natural Calamities'.

(i) Whether "Annual Report on Natural Calamities" for the previous year..... has been sent to Ministry of Home Affairs (Yes/No).

(ii) If yes, date on which sent :
